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^{one of the flower boxes}
in front of La Belle. I put some fresh plants in it to spruce it up. I don't believe that it is anything more than a drunk or kid who was showing off. If someone were out to do damage, more than one box would have been hit, as it were.

In the meantime, I feel like I have sold John into servitude. His duties at CATV are so tedious - sanding and paint scraping. I am feeling like Dave Adams has gained a very good - - and inexpensive - - hourly worker, and that I have lost a friend. No best hours of John's days should not be devoted to such drudgery. I made an attempt to speak with Dave Adams today about sharing John, but I did not get a chance to speak with Dave Adams. Yesterday John said that perhaps our New York expedition might have to be cancelled. It's all very troublesome. John should have more time to himself and time that he can devote to the Historical Society and the Gravity Railroad. Tomorrow John will take his driver's test, which means he will not work in the morning - - maybe not in the afternoon also.

John's father has given me permission to use his generator for the Maplewood Cemetery program on Monday. The next three or four days are going to be very busy. I have to do a lot of newspaper work tomorrow & Saturday (since Monday is a holiday); I have to spruce up Maplewood for the Monday Ceremony; I have to prepare the Monday Ceremony in Maplewood.